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CP (B) policy statement.

1. A statement issued by the Central Committee of the CP (B) on 8 December 1949, alleges that widespread insurrection throughout the country is due to campaign of repression launched by the political parties in power against those in opposition. In a reference to appeals by the Prime Minister for a return to constitutional methods, the Central Committee states that the party is perfectly prepared to emerge from underground and contest the next elections, provided that the party is assured of freedom of speech and organization, that repressive ordinances are annulled, and that political detainees are released forthwith.

CP (B) proposals to Democratic Front.

2. In its proposals to the Democratic Front, the CP (B) apparently stated its policy and program in the following terms:
- a) That the country should be handed over by the present government of capitalists and land-owners to the proletariat.
  - b) That revolutionary methods to achieve government by the proletariat should be abandoned in favor of constitutional methods.
  - c) That the right of self-determination be accorded to the Karens and that the principle of an independent Kawthulay State be accepted.

Democratic Front's reply.

3. In its comments on the CP (B) proposals and the policy outlined in the previous paragraph, the Democratic Front in a broadcast dated 6 December 1949 reiterated its intention of pursuing its political and military campaign against the Government of Burma and to continue its policy of land distribution and the formation of Democratic Front governmental organs in the liberated areas. It reaffirmed its opposition to the Karen demands.

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and stated finally that the CP (B) policy and program was as unacceptable as that of the present government. Democratic Front forces would be instructed to continue their attempts to eliminate the CP (B) as a political and military force.

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~~SECRET~~ Comment. The statement of CP (B) policy represents a complete departure from its previous utterances. The party has suffered considerable setbacks as the result of arrests of several of its leaders but in view of its previous extreme revolutionary doctrine, these setbacks would scarcely account for such a complete volte face.

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